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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Conversations with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, re Funding Agency Reserves**

25X1A 1. This morning I called Ralph Preston with reference to his  
25X1A conversation yesterday with [ ] in which he proposed that  
25X1A [ ] be allocated to the Agency Reserves [ ]  
[ ] I asked Preston whether  
it was possible to increase this to [ ] for the Agency.  
He said this might be done, but would probably require a formal  
written recommendation from the Office of Management and Budget.

25X1A 2. After discussing the matter with Colonel White I called  
Preston back to say that while [ ] has some definite  
advantages, we will probably have difficulty in getting an adequate  
letter of justification from OMB, and moreover would rather take the  
25X1A [ ] than create problems for the Committee. Therefore, I  
said we would rely on Preston's good judgment as to what was desirable  
and feasible.

25X1A 3. Preston said he thought he might indeed have some problems  
with [ ] and that because of the pressing deadline  
25X1A (mark up on the bill begins tomorrow) he thought we should stick with  
[ ]

25X1A 4. Late in the day Preston called to say that they had finally  
settled on [ ]

25X1A [ ]  
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